



City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

November is the month, our nation has chosen to be thankful.

This is the one to be thankful for what we have, to be close with our families and friends. I want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

We have a lot to be thankful for in Ward 5 and Our great City.

We have the ongoing construction of the new JTED Center for Innovative Learning at the Tucson Marketplace for the Bridges (Bridges) which will have 900 students and an additional 200 staff people; the expansion of the work force by 700 at the GEICO regional headquarters at the Bridges as well as more stores opening at the Bridges providing dozens of new jobs and shopping opportunities, including the Discount Tire, Mister Car Wash and BRAKEMAX

We had the announcement of the further expansion at Raytheon of an additional 1,000 jobs, the expansion of Alorica Pharmaceutical and VXI as well, with an additional 250 jobs created and HomeGoods Distribution hiring their 1,175 employees, to name a few of the several expansions. During my time as your Ward 5 Councilmember I have worked to help create 10,000 new jobs in Ward 5.

We held the successful Kidz Expo at the El Pueblo Center, as well as the Back to School Bashes at the Santa Rosa Rec Center and Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, where more than 2,000 total backpacks and school supplies were given to children returning to school.

We are proceeding with the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial at the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center for which a plan, put together by the Buffalo Soldiers group, the South Park neighborhood, the Ward 5 Council Office and the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center has moved this project forward.

We are seeing the expansion of the roadway at Kino Boulevard and 36th Street surrounding the Bridges and the University of Arizona will be turning dirt in December on the University of Arizona Tech Park at the Bridges.

One of my favorite events took place on Friday, November 8, when a contingent of elected officials and representatives joined me to give out thank you cards and letters to our Veterans at the V.A. Hospital as well as the staff.

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I want to thank Tucson Vice Mayor, Shirley Scott, South Tucson Mayor Robert Teso, South Tucson Vice Mayor Herman Lopez, Karla Avalos representing Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, Ted Prezelski representing Councilmember Paul Cunningham, Byron Gwaltney representing Sheriff Mark Napier and Dusty the Roadrunner from the Tucson Roadrunners for being there to help hand out cards.

I want to thank the school children and teachers from the 26 schools who made more than 3,100 thank you cards, letters and posters for the Veterans:

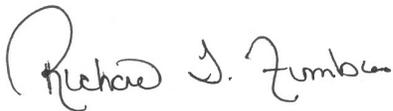
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The Veterans were grateful for these cards and letters to receive thanks for their service from these students.

I want to give special thanks to the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for naming me as their 2019 Public Servant of the Year, for the work I've done, on matters of concern and issues at hand. I also want to thank the Metropolitan Pima Alliance for their acknowledgement of the JTED Project at the Bridges and my involvement with the project to get dirt turned and doors opened by July 2020. It is moments like this that make it worthwhile to be a public servant.

Again to everyone, my thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Councilmember for Tucson's Ward 5. May you, your friends, and family, have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and the happiest of holidays.

Peace.



Richard Fimbres
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

ELECTION RESULTS

Tucsonans went to the polls Tuesday, November 5, to decide who would serve as Tucson's next Mayor and as the Councilmembers for Ward's 1, 2 and 4, as well as two ballot measures.

Tucsonans elected Councilmember Regina Romero to be the next Mayor of Tucson and Lane Santa Cruz as the new Ward 1 Councilmember.

Paul Cunningham was reelected to another term as the Councilmember for Tucson's Ward 2 and Nikki Lee as the new Councilmember for Tucson's Ward 4.

I want to extend my congratulations to our new Mayor-elect Regina Romero, Councilmember Paul Cunningham and Councilmember-elects Lane Santa Cruz and Nikki Lee, and look forward to working with them.

I want to thank Jonathan Rothschild for his service as our Mayor for these past eight years. He worked to help guide this city out of the economic downturn it was facing. His knowledge, leadership and expertise will be missed.

I had the privilege of working with Ward 4 Councilmember and current Tucson Vice Mayor Shirley Scott, during my time on the Tucson City Council. When I first came on the Council, Shirley has been a great leader for our City and was supportive of the projects I brought forward in Ward 5. I will miss working with Shirley Scott on the Council and hope to work with her on future projects for Tucson.



MPA HONORS COUNCILMEMBER FIMBRES FOR JTED WORK

I was an honoree at the 2019 Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) Common Ground Awards, held November 1, on my work for the Pima JTED at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges project. I worked to get the neighborhoods and businesses together, as well as working with the Manager's Office and City staff to get the proposal for the project reviewed in an expeditious manner and the work to get the Mayor and

Council to approve the proposal unanimously.

I want to congratulate and thank Pima JTED for their work and collaboration on the JTED at the Bridges, as well as the neighborhoods and the other businesses involved with this to get the approval and the construction ongoing, for which the campus is scheduled to be open in July 2020.

I want to thank the MPA for their support and noted that this marks the sixth consecutive year that I have been recognized by the MPA for my work on projects, such as: The Valencia Crossing Annexation, the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges Development, the Collaboration between the Developers and four surrounding Neighborhoods for the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges and the Tucson Homeless Work Program and the Tucson Change Movement.

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HONORING A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST GENERATION

On November 5 at the Ward 5 Council Office, I had the privilege of taking part in a ceremony to recognize Private Jose Sierra Mejia for his service to our nation in World War II. The Mejia family received a flag from Congressman Raul Grijalva, that was flown over the United States Capitol, for the military shadow box containing the Purple Heart and other medals Private Mejia had earned.



Private Mejia served in the United States Army during World War II and fought during the Battle of the Bulge. I also presented the Mejia family with a Ward 5 Certificate of Appreciation, the Ward 5 Coin of Freedom and a set of military coins to honor Jose Sierra Mejia, for the sacrifices he made for this country as part of the Greatest Generation.

HONORING CITY EMPLOYEES WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY

On November 7, at the Ward 5 Council Office, we honored City employees who serve or had served in one of the branches of the U.S. military. Vice Mayor Shirley Scott and Parks Director Brent Dennis joined me in this recognition and thanks, with Certificates of Appreciation from the Ward 5 Council Office, the Mayor's office as well as the Ward 5 Coin of Freedom and the City Coin from the Manager's Office.



I want to congratulate the City employees for their work for our City, as well as for their service and sacrifice for this nation. I want to thank my staff for their work on the event, as well as Sergeant Will Corrales and Officer Scooby Fernandez and Brent Dennis from Parks and Rec for their help.



HONORING MACARIO SALDATE

On November 7, I had the honor of presenting former State Representative Macario Saldate a Ward 5 Medallion of Hope and Certificate of Appreciation for his distinguished service to the University of Arizona and our community for his founding of the Mexican American Studies Department, which worked to get the University of Arizona to become a Hispanic Serving Institution. Thank you Macario for what you have done for this country and community.



COUNCILMEMBER FIMBRES ADDRESSES AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

On November 8, I had the privilege of addressing the American Legion Convention of Arizona's Fall Conference that was held in Tucson. As a member of the American Legion, I was honored at the opportunity to welcome the delegates to Tucson. I presented my Ward 5 Coin of Freedom to the Arizona leadership of the Legion.

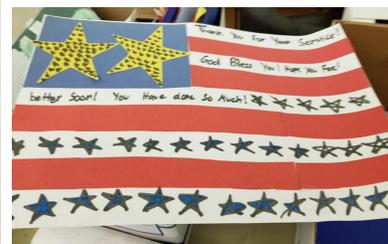
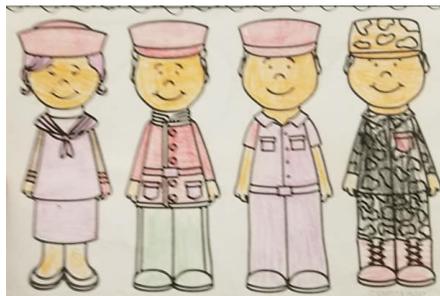
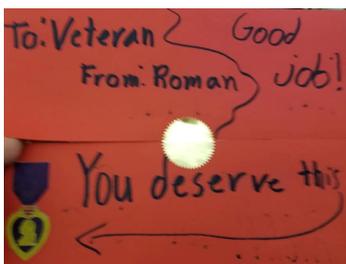
THANK YOU CARDS PRESENTED AT THE V.A.

On November 8, a contingent of elected officials and representatives joined me at the Southern Arizona VA Hospital to hand out more than 3,100 thank you cards and letters, made by school children from 26 schools from Ward 5, Tucson and Pima County, to Veterans to thank them for their service.



I want to thank the school children, teachers and schools that participated in this, which marks its tenth year. The 26 schools were:

Blenman Elementary, Bonillas Magnet School, Booth Fickett Magnet School, Carrillo Magnet School, Challenger Middle School, Cragin Elementary School, Craycroft Elementary School, Drachman Montessori K-8, Drexel Elementary, Gallego Intermediate School, Lynn/Urquides Elementary, McCorkle Academy, Mexicayotl Academy, Miles Exploratory Learning Center, Mission View Elementary, Morgan Maxwell K-8, Ochoa Community School, Ocotillo Learning Center, Our Mother of Sorrows, Pueblo Gardens K-8 School, Roberts Naylor K-8, St. Ambrose Catholic School, St. Joseph Catholic School, White Elementary, Wright Elementary and Nosotros Academy.



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I want to thank Luke Johnson and the staff at the VA for letting us present the cards to the Veterans. I also want to thank my staff who coordinated the event.



VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL REPLICA IN TUCSON

On November 9, State Senator Sally Gonzales, Councilmember and Mayor-Elect Regina Romero joined me at the dedication ceremony held by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe for the travelling replica Vietnam War Wall, which honors and remembers those U.S. soldiers who died and were missing in action during the Vietnam War.

It was a very moving ceremony and I want thank the event organizers and Pascua Yaqui Tribe for inviting me to speak.

I want to thank Pascua Yaqui Tribal Chairman Robert Valencia, Tribal Councilmember David Ramirez and the rest of the Council for being able to get the replica Vietnam Wall back to Tucson.



TUCSON 2020 RODEO PARADE KICKOFF DINNER

On November 9, I attended the 2020 Tucson Rodeo Parade Kickoff Dinner. The 2020 Tucson Rodeo Parade will take place February 20, 2020. The Tucson Rodeo Parade is the longest and largest non-mechanized Rodeo Parade in the world. I recognized members of the Rodeo Parade Committee for their service. For more information, go online to: tucsonrodeoparade.org.



VETERANS RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

On November 10, I attended the fifth annual Kay Cee Club Veterans Recognition Event, honoring those who serve and served in the U.S. Military. I want to thank the organizing committee for their work on the event.



I want to thank those being recognized and honored at this event, for their service and sacrifice to our nation. I also want to thank Little Mexico, who catered the event.





100th VETERANS DAY PARADE IN TUCSON

On Veterans Day, November 11, Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and Councilmember Regina Romero joined me in taking part in the 100th Annual Tucson Veterans Day Parade. This year's theme was Veterans honoring Veterans. I want to thank everyone who came out for the parade and to those who were a part of the 100 entries. As an 27 1/2 year veteran of the U.S. Army, it was great to have our city and veterans taking part in the Centennial parade.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS SURPRISE VISIT

On November 12, Elaine Becher, Erika and Dusty with the Tucson Roadrunners surprised me with a visit to the Ward 5 Council Office, to congratulate me on my selection by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as the 2019 Public Servant of the Year.

I want to thank Elaine, Erika, Dusty and the Tucson Roadrunners for this. I was touched by the thought. I worked to get the Tucson Roadrunners into the TCC in 2016, for which has been a success. Let's go Roadrunners!



ESTRELLA HOTEL DEDICATION

On November 13, I had the privilege of attending the grand opening and dedication for the Estrella Hotel at Casino del Sol. I also had the privilege of attending and taking part in the groundbreaking for the hotel for which I want to thank Pascua Yaqui Chairman Robert Valencia and the Tribal Council for the opportunity. Congratulations on Estrella, which will be a beautiful star hotel!



DAYS OF CARING

On November 17, the Pantano Christian Church held their Days of Caring, where members of the church go out and help our community with various projects. Two of these projects were in Ward 5: planting trees in the Pueblo Gardens neighborhood and cleaning up the Airport Wash area.



I want to thank Pastor Becky Kern, the leadership of the church and all those who volunteered their time for their work and commitment to our community.

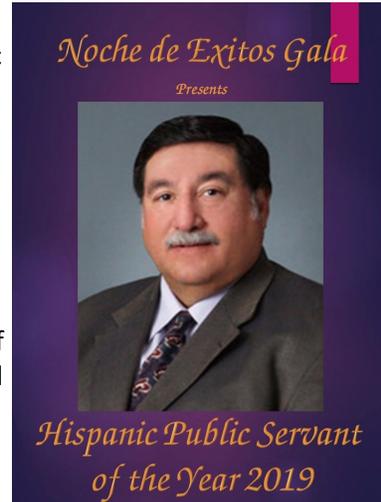
I also want to thank Trees for Tucson and Circle K for also sending out volunteers and helping with the tree planting at Pueblo Gardens.



TUCSON HISPANIC CHAMBER HONORS COUNCILMEMBER FIMBRES

Councilmember Richard Fimbres was recognized by the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce as their 2019 Public Servant of the Year at their Noche de Exitos Gala at Casino del Sol.

Councilmember Fimbres was recognized for his work on the Renaissance of Ward 5, opening dozens of businesses and working to create 10,000 jobs in Ward 5, so that residents could have the opportunity to live, work and raise a family. Councilmember Fimbres thanks the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for this honor and Alma Gallardo of Arizona Bilingual for nominating him. He also thanked his wife Mary and sons, Richard Michael and Joseph and their wives and grandson Roman Trujillo, for their love and support.



YMCA COMMUNITY MILITARY CELEBRATION HELD

The YMCA's 2019 Community Military Celebration recognized current and former service of the National Guard and Reserve, their families and employers. This celebration took place at the Arizona National Guard 162nd Air Base. As an honoree in 2018, I had the opportunity to say a few words about serving in the U.S. Army and welcoming those in attendance to the event. Congratulations to the organizers of this event.



MEET THE NEW TFD CHIEF

Chuck Ryan is the 28th Fire Chief for the Tucson Fire Department. He was appointed to the position on September 30 after serving for more than 25 years with the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department in Fairfax, Virginia. Chuck had most recently held the position of Assistant Chief with Fairfax County.

Chief Ryan started his career in the fire service in 1990 first as a volunteer firefighter/EMT, and then was hired by Fairfax County in January 1994. Over the course of his career, he attained every promotional rank in that agency. Chuck is married and has two adult children. Welcome to

Tucson Chief Ryan.

WELCOME GABRIEL!

I want to welcome Gabriel Holguin to the Ward 5 Council Office team.

Gabriel is a student at Pima Community College and is working on getting his Associates Degree in Business Administration.

Gabriel is an intern in our office and if you happen to be at the Ward 5 Council Office, say hello to Gabriel.



WARD 5 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm at Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Barrio Santa Rita/West Ochoa Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm Santa Cruz Parish, Good Shepherd Room, 1220 S. 6th Avenue.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Association – Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 am at the Cherry Avenue Recreation Center, 5085 S. Cherry Avenue.

Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Road.

Barrio Santa Rosa Neighborhood Association - Monday, December 16 at 6:00 pm, Santa Rosa Library, 1075 S. 10th Avenue.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Association Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 pm at Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

DEALING WITH GREASE FROM THE HOLIDAY MEAL

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) from your kitchen should never be poured down the drain. Instead, store it in containers and bring it to the 15th Annual Grease Collection and Recycling Event.

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and its partners invite you to start the year off right by taking your leftover holiday grease to one of the six collection sites listed below on **Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The collected grease will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner-burning fuel that can reduce our dependence on crude oil.

COLLECTION SITES

East	O'Rielly Chevrolet	6160 E. Broadway Blvd.
Midtown	City Council Ward 3 Office	1510 E. Grant Rd.
Northwest	Pima County College Northwest Campus	7600 N. Shannon Rd.
South	Kino Sports Complex	2500 E. Ajo Way
West	Pima Community College West Campus	2202 W. Anklam Rd.

Store it, don't pour it!

You can always recycle your grease at the year-round location at Agua Nueva WRF/Jacobs, 2947 W. Calle Agua Nueva, Tucson, AZ 85745, (520) 405-0438.

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Emergency Services

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department
DIAL 911

Permits

Planning and Development Services Department
791-5550

Housing Assistance

City of Tucson Community Services Department
791-4739

Tucson Convention Center

791-4101

City of Tucson Code Enforcement

791-5843

TPD Red Tag Unit

837-7318, Email: redtag@tucsonaz.gov

Graffiti Removal

792-CITY (2489)

TPD Non Emergency

791-4444

Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department
791-3171

TDOT Street Maintenance

791-3154, Email: tdotconcerns@tucsonaz.gov

Tucson Water Department

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

Park Tucson

791-5071

Pima Animal Care

724-5900

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